



December 16, 2016

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Claude Aiken, legal advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, regarding matters in the above-referenced proceedings.

During this conversation, and consistent with prior advocacy, NTCA noted the overwhelming consensus for action to ensure that small business broadband providers will remain exempt from “enhanced transparency” requirements given the state of the current record and until such time as a further examination of such issues can be completed by the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”). *See, e.g., Ex Parte* Letter from Steven K. Berry, President & CEO, Competitive Carriers Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, GN Docket No. 14-28 (filed Dec. 13, 2016).

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President –
Industry Affairs & Business Development

cc: Claude Aiken